

# Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

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## The Board

The Commission has a Board structure including an independent Chair. The Commissioner reports to the Board.

The Commissioner is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Commission, delegating management of operational matters to a Chief Executive Officer.

The Board is responsible for setting the organisation's strategic direction. The Board sets policies, priorities and strategies for the Commission in performing its functions.

The Board members provide important links to the broader Victorian community, ensuring the Commission's work remains relevant and responsive to the human rights issues that touch people every day.

The governance framework for the Board and the Commission is set out in the [Board Charter](#).

### Board members



**Mr John Searle (Chair)** – Barrister

John Searle was the President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, the peak body of the Victorian Jewish community, and a member of the Executive of the Zionist Council of Victoria from 2008–11. Immediately prior to that, John had served as the Chairman of the B'nai Brith Anti Defamation Commission.

John is currently an Executive member of the JCCV and the Deputy President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

He has made a significant contribution to the Victorian community through his long-time work in charitable and community organisations, and was recognised by Victoria Police with an award for his community service in 2009.

John holds a Bachelor of Economics and a Bachelor of Laws and has been a practising barrister for 22 years, specialising in civil litigation.



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